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SUMMARY: FOUR CONGRESSIONAL ADVISORS IN US MINISTERIAL DELEGATION PARTICIPATED IN INTENSIVE PROGRAM OF BRIEFINGS ON MINISTERIAL AND OECD, CONTACTS WITH OECD MEMBER GOVERNMENT AND SECRETARIAT OFFICIALS, AND MEETING WITH US BUSINESSMEN. PRESS EXPOSURE INCLUDED JOINT PRESS CONFERENCE (REFTEL) WITH AMB EBERLE IN WHICH SENATOR HARTKE ON BEHALF OF CONGRESSIONAL ADVISORS EXPRESSED SUPPORT FOR DECLARATION ADOPTED BY MINISTERIAL COUNCIL AND FOR INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION IN OECD.
END SUMMARY

1. CONGRESSIONAL ADVISORS WERE SENATORS VANCE HARTKE (D, IND) AND PAUL FANNIN (R, ARIZ) OF FINANCE COMMITTEE, AND CONGRESSMEN SAM GIBBONS (D, FLA) AND JERRY PETTIS (R, CAL) OF HOUSE WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE. THEY PARTICIPATED IN DELEGATION MEETINGS AND ATTENDED MOST OF COUNCIL SESSIONS THAT EXTENDED OVER ONE AND ONE-HALF DAYS. THEIR PRESENCE WAS NOTED BY OTHER DELEGATIONS, INCLUDING EC COMMISSION, WHOSE HEAD, SIR CHRISTOPHER SOAMES, POINTEDLY REFERRED TO THEM IN EXPRESSING HOPE THAT US CONGRESS WOULD "SHOW BY THEIR DEEDS THAT THEY SHARE WITH US THE VISION OF A LIBERAL WORLD ECONOMY THAT THEIR COUNTRY HAS DONE SO MUCH TO PROMOTE."

2. IN ADDITION TO BRIEFINGS WITH US PERMANENT DELEGATION FOR SENATOR HARTKE AND CONGRESSMAN PETTIS, WHO ARRIVED EARLIER THAN OTHERS, CONGRESSIONAL ADVISORS HAD LUNCHEON MEETING WITH GROUP OF TOP SECRETARIAT OFFICIALS (DEPUTY SECRETARIES GENERAL AND DIRECTORS), WHICH GAVE OPPORTUNITY FOR EXPOSURE TO VARIETY OF OECD ACTIVITIES.

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DISCUSSION BECAME PARTICULARLY LIVELY ON SUBJECT OF DECLARATION FOR "STANDBY", TERM TO WHICH HARTKE OBJECTED AS BEING STATIC AND NON-PROGRESSIVE IN TONE.

3. IN OTHER MEETINGS, HARTKE GENERALLY LED DISCUSSIONS, ALTHOUGH OTHER THREE ALSO MADE THEIR VIEWS KNOWN. CLEAR INFERENCE FROM HARTKE'S COMMENTS WAS THAT HE FEELS IT IMPORTANT THAT CONGRESS, AS CO-EQUAL BODY WITH EXECUTIVE

BRANCH, SHOULD EXPAND ITS ROLE IN ACTIVITIES SUCH AS THOSE OF OECD THAT LED TO MINISTERIAL DECLARATION.

4. COHGRESSIONAL ADVISORS MET ALSO WITH GROUP OF AMERICAN BUSINESSMEN WHO ARE DIRECTORS OF AMERICAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE IN FRAHCE, AT DINNER ARRANGED THROUGH ASSISTANCE OF EMBASSY AND HOSTED BY PRESIDENT OF CHAMBER, RICHARD MOORE. PRINCIPAL TOPIC OF DISCUSSION AT DINNER WAS HARTKE'S VIEWS ON TAX TREATMENT OF AMERICAN BUSINESS AND INDIVIDUALS ABROAD, WITH OTHER CONGRESSIONAL ADVISORS AS WELL AS BUSINESSMEN PARTICIPATING ACTIVELY IN DEBATE WITH HARTKE.

5. HIGHLIGHT OF INVOLVEMENT OF CONGRESSIONAL ADVISORS WAS PARTICIPATION BY SENATORS HARTKE AND FANNIN AND CONGRESSMAN PETTIS (CONGRESSMAN GIBBONS NOT PRESENT) IN

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PRESS CONFERENCE WITH AMBASSADOR EBERLE FOLLOWING CONCLUSION OF MINISTERIAL SESSIONS. COHGRESSIONAL ADVISORS MADE NO ATTEMPT TO GLOSS OVER DIFFERENCES WITH ADMINISTRATION, POINT WHICH HARTKE IN PARTICULAR EMPHASIZED, BUT ALL THREE MADE EFFORT TO PLACE THEIR DIFFERENCES WITH ADMINISTRATION IN PERSPECTIVE OF US GOVERNMENTAL SYSTEM AND PROCEDURES WITH WHICH MANY PRESENT NOT FAMILIAR. IN ADDITION TO OPENING STATEMENT WHICH HARTKE READ ON BEHALF OF ALL CONGRESSIONAL MEMBERS OF DELEGATION (APPROXIMATE TEXT POUCHED RPE AND H), HARTKE CONCLUDED PARTICIPATION IN PRESS CONFERENCE WITH CLEAR AND UNAMBIGUOUS CALL FOR COMMITMENT TO COOPERATION IN MEETING CHALLENGES OF OIL PRICE SITUATION AND INFLATION.

6. OECD INFORMATION SERVICE WAS VERY HELPFUL IN PROVIDING FACILITIES FOR PRESS, RADIO AND TV ACTIVITIES, INCLUDING PHOTO AND FILM COVERAGE OF CONGRESSIONAL ADVISORS IN CONFERENCE SESSIONS AND WITH CHAIRMAN GIOLITTI AND SECRETARY GENERAL, AND FACILITIES FOR STATEMENTS FOLLOWING SESSION. SENATORS HARTKE AND FANNIN AND CONGRESSMAN PETTIS MADE INDIVIDUAL SHORT FILM STATEMENTS FOR TV (SENATOR HARTKE CARRYING FILM TO WASHINGTON AND EACH ALSO HAS SOUNDTRACK ON TAPE FOR POSSIBLE RADIO USE), TEN-MINUTE JOINT ROUND TABLE INTERVIEW ON TAPE (EACH HAS

COPY) AND JOINT INTERVIEW WITH ABC REPRESENTATIVE. SENATOR HARTKE WAS ALSO INTERVIEWED BY NBC.

7. COMMENT: GIVEN IMPORTANCE OF CONGRESS TO SUCCESS OF DECLARATION AND INTEREST SHOWN BY CONGRESSIONAL ADVISORS, MISSION BELIEVES INITIATIVE TO INVITE THEM TO PARTICIPATE IN MINISTERIAL SESSION WAS WELL TAKEN. BELIEVE CONTACTS MADE WITH OECD MEMBER GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVES, SECRETARIAT OFFICIALS AND OTHERS HERE WERE MUTUALLY INFORMATIVE AND HIGHLY WORTHWHILE.

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